

REMARKS

The specification and claims 10-11 have been amended to include sequence identifiers as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 - 1.825. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicants acknowledge the rejoinder of claims of 10 and 11 (Group IV) with claims 1-9 (Group I) in light of the traversal of the restriction requirement by the Applicants. Claims 1-11 are therefore pending and under examination for SEQ ID NO: 3 in the present application.

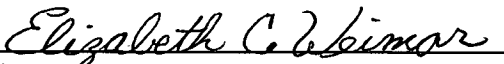
III. Conclusion:

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned Version with markings to show changes made.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Dated: **June 21, 2001**
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Customer No. **09629**
1800 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-467-7000

Respectfully submitted
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP


Elizabeth C. Weimar
Registration No. 44,478

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9 has been amended as follows:

--The third new protein WDPKE (SEQ ID NO: 2) (spot 10) has no related proteins in the database.--

In the Claims:

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Once Amended) An isolated protein detectable in tears having an amino acid N-terminus selected from the group consisting of:
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);
WDPKE (SEQ ID NO: 2); and
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Once Amended) An isolated protein detectable in tears including the amino acid sequence:
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3), or [~~part~~] fragment thereof.